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SUMMARY: RADICALS REFUSE TO GO ALONG WITH FOUR-YEAR AGREE-
MENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN BRIEF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS AFTERNOON, LIBERAL
DEFENSE SPOKESMAN ARNE CHRISTIANSEN CONFIRMED TO POLCOUNS
MEDIA REPORTS OF YET ANOTHER STALEMATE IN NEGOTIATIONS TO
REACH A NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT. CHRISTIANSEN NOTED THAT
LARGELY POSITIVE REACTIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED TO THE FOUR-
YEAR PROPOSAL (REFTEL) FROM BOTH THE DANISH DEFENSE COUNCIL
AND THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE (HILL-NORTON). HOWEVER, WHEN
THE GROUP OF 12 MET AT 11 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, THE RADICALS
MAINTAINED THEIR INSISTENCE ON A MORE-OR-LESS AUTOMATIC
REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT AFTER TWO YEARS. SUCH A REVIEW WAS
UNACCEPTABLE TO FOUR OF THE OTHER PARTIES. HENCE NEGOTIATIONS
ARE PRESENTLY STALLED.

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2. CHRISTIANSEN SAID DEFENSE MINISTER ORLA MOLLER IS ATTEM-
PTING TO PERSUADE PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN TO RETURN
TO COPENHAGEN TONIGHT FROM JUTLAND. JORGENSEN WILL HAVE TO
DECIDE WHETHER THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WILL MOVE AHEAD WITH THE
OTHER PARTIES TO CONCLUDE A NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITHOUT THE
RADICALS. CHRISTIANSEN DOUBTED THAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WOULD

DO SO. NOT ONLY WOULD THEY HAVE PREDICTABLE DIFFICULTIES WITH THEIR OWN LEFT WING BUT ALSO THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WANT TO KEEP THE SUPPORT OF THE RADICALS FOR THE AUGUST 1976 ECONOMIC COMPROMISE WHICH WAS SO LABORIOUSLY NEGOTIATED.

3. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MEETING WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS. WE WILL THEN BE IN BETTER POSITION TO KNOW WHERE WE STAND.
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